

TOTAL POTATO STOCKS
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Storage stocks of potatoes held by growers and local dealers in the fall crop producing areas of the country totaled 151.4 million hundredweight on December 1, 1968, according to the IFAS, Univ. of Florida Crop Reporting Board. This is 6 percent less than the 161.7 million hundredweight on hand December 1, 1967. These stocks consist of fall potatoes held for all uses on December 1.

Stocks in the eight eastern fall States, at 47.2 million hundredweight on December 1, compared with 49.6 million in 1967. Maine stocks, at 31.2 million, were 3 percent below 1967. Upstate New York and Pennsylvania holdings were below a year earlier but Long Island stocks equaled 1967 holdings. The eight central fall States had 33.2 million in storage this year, slightly less than the 33.5 million a year ago. Holdings in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota were larger than a year ago but smaller for other central area States. Stocks in the nine western fall States were 71.0 million this year compared with 78.6 million on December 1 last year. In Idaho, stocks at 40.5 million were down 5.0 million from a year earlier. Holdings were also below December 1, 1967 in all other western States.

Disappearance of 1968 potatoes to December 1, was 68.6 million hundredweight compared with 69.5 million in 1967, and 75.1 million in 1966. Production of fall potatoes in 1968 was 220.0 million hundredweight compared with 231.2 million in 1967 and 227.8 million in 1966.

Movement of the current fall potato crop to fresh market and chippers through November 30, as indicated by rail and truck unloads in 41 cities, was slightly less in 1968 than in the same period of 1967. Processing of potatoes for other food uses (excluding starch and flour) was above a year earlier but movement of 1968 fall potatoes to starch factories has been below the 1967 level.

Sales of fall potatoes for all purposes, including fresh market, processing, seed and livestock feed, accounted for 86.8 percent of the 1967 fall production and 84.0 percent of the 1966 crop. The balance of the crop disappearance occurred on farms where grown and included losses through shrinkage and waste and use as seed, food in farm households, and livestock feed.

Fall Potatoes: Production, December 1, January 1, February 1, and March 1, total stocks, crops of 1959-68 in the 25 Fall States

Year	Production	Total Stocks				
		January 1		February 1		March 1
		December 1	following year	following year	following year	
		1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
		cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
1959	167,435	118,560	98,640	77,500	58,175	
1960	175,071	122,740	103,595	82,670	62,645	
1961	204,235	145,020	122,215	96,120	72,960	
1962 1/ ..	194,875	135,745	115,770	91,970	70,250	
1963	198,195	136,995	115,000	89,300	67,280	
1964	174,491	114,550	94,205	73,120	54,535	
1965	216,809	147,070	123,460	98,260	74,605	
1966	227,787	152,640	127,380	103,040	79,517	
1967 2/ ..	231,224	161,710	139,350	112,770	86,465	
1968	220,018	151,385				

1/ Seasonal groupings effective with 1962: All Idaho and Oregon classified as Fall. In Colorado, all areas outside of San Luis Valley classified as late summer and the San Luis Valley as fall.

2/ Revised August 1968 Pot 6(68).

Estimates of Total Resident Population, 50 States, July 1, 1962-69

Area	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
- Millions -								
Eastern	73.1	74.3	75.3	76.4	77.0	77.6	78.4	---
Central	82.8	83.6	84.6	85.4	86.4	87.3	88.0	---
Western	30.0	30.8	31.5	32.0	32.5	33.0	33.5	---
Total	185.9	188.7	191.4	193.8	195.9	197.9	199.9	1/201.9

1/ Total U. S. resident population for July 1, 1969 based on projection issued by Bureau of the Census.

Source: Current Population Report No. 403, Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce.

Potatoes: Production and total stocks of fall potatoes held by growers and local dealers on December 1, 1967 and December 1, 1968 1/

State	Crop of 1967		Crop of 1968	
	Production	Total stocks :Dec. 1, 1967	Production	Total stocks :Dec. 1, 1968
	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.
Maine	37,604	32,100	36,890	31,200
New Hampshire	252	150	230	160
Vermont	288	210	285	220
Massachusetts	1,216	670	1,036	560
Rhode Island	1,140	350	1,260	340
Connecticut	1,354	1,010	1,254	940
New York:				
Long Island	7,426	4,700	7,506	4,700
Upstate	8,820	5,000	7,988	4,650
Pennsylvania	9,120	5,400	7,585	4,400
8 Eastern	67,220	49,590	64,034	47,170
Ohio	2,522	1,000	2,499	925
Indiana	1,950	490	1,226	300
Michigan	7,095	4,400	6,235	3,700
Wisconsin	9,401	6,500	8,325	5,700
Minnesota	11,760	8,800	12,180	9,050
North Dakota	14,280	10,700	15,660	12,000
South Dakota	590	340	621	380
Nebraska	1,794	1,300	1,820	1,150
8 Central	49,392	33,530	48,566	33,205
Montana	1,512	1,400	1,458	1,300
Idaho	63,900	45,500	59,505	40,500
Wyoming	578	480	608	450
Colorado	9,240	6,400	7,762	5,450
Utah	1,463	1,050	1,072	670
Nevada	192	150	138	110
Washington	15,265	10,660	16,185	10,430
Oregon	13,252	6,850	12,290	6,500
California	9,210	6,100	8,400	5,600
9 Western	114,612	78,590	107,418	71,010
Total 25 Fall States ...	231,224	161,710	220,018	151,385

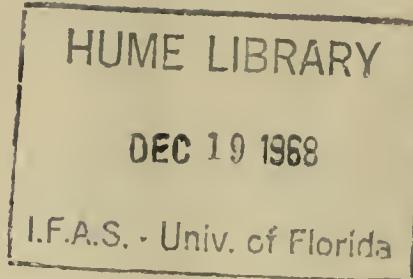
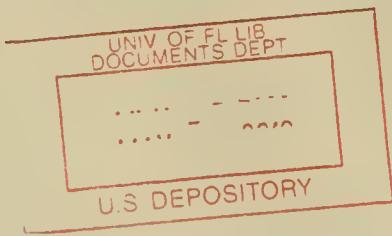
1/ Total stocks consist of "production less total disappearance to date."

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